THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The Board of Directors of NSFDC is under reconstitution. It is proposed to induct five non-official Directors (Three belonging to the Scheduled Castes and two belonging to the Scheduled Tribes) in the Board of Directors of NSFDC.

Non-Payment of Bonus to NSFDC Employees

1447. SHRI J.S. RAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bonus is paid to the employees of NSFDC; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the bonus would be paid to the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) NSFDC is a non-profit making Company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Hence bonus is not payable.

Temperance Movement in Tribal Belt of Madhya Pradesh

1448. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the temperance movement to propogate prohibition, which has lately been gaining ground in the Tribal belt of Raipur—Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is Government's reaction to the atrocities and oppression and suppression perpetrated by the liquor mafia and their hired men on the movement leaders; and

(c) what other steps have been taken by Government to promote the prohibition movement in the tribal belts ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) Report from the State Government has been called for. On receipt of the same, it will be laid on the table of the House. However, the Ministry of Welfare has issued guidelines on excise policy in tribal areas from time to time reiterating, *inter-alia*, that the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations should discontinue commercial vending of alcoholic beverages in tribal areas and make attempts to wean the STs away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages by encouraging official and non-official voluntary organisations to take up the work in tribal areas.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the National Council for Cooperative Training, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1991-92 of the National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Limited, New Delhi, National Federation of Labour Cooperatives Limited, New Delhi and National Cooperative Tobacco Grower's Federation Limited, Anand and their related papers.